

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The status of all the claims is noted below.

1. (Original) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a data base which contains registration data including position data, image data and designation information for retrieval of additional information comprising:
- imaging means for obtaining an image;
- location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus; and
- selection means for selecting image data from said data base which corresponds to the image obtained by said imaging means, said image data having position data representing positions in the vicinity of the current position location detected by said location detection means, and said designation information corresponding to said image data for retrieving said additional information.
2. (Original) An information retrieval apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reception means for receiving the image data and the designation information via a computer network.
3. (Original) An information retrieval apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said reception means has a portable telephone function and is connected to said computer network via a telephone line.
4. (Original) An information retrieval apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the designation information is a URL for specifying information stored in a server of a world wide web build up on the Internet.

5. (Original) An information retrieval method for retrieving information by information retrieval apparatus from a data base which contains registration data including position data, image data and designation information for retrieval of additional information, comprising the steps of:

obtaining an image;

detecting the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus; and

selecting image data from said data base which corresponds to the image obtained, said image data having position data representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location of the information retrieval apparatus, and designation information corresponding to said image data for retrieving said additional information.

6. (Amended) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a data base which contains registration data including at least position data and designation information for retrieval of additional information, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the data base;

receiving means for receiving said designation information corresponding to said selected data for retrieving said additional information, said selected data having position data representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location;

checking means for checking whether a user's manual operation is needed to acquire said additional information corresponding to said designation information;

receiving means for receiving additional information based on the designation  
information; and  
displaying means for displaying said additional information.

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7. (New) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from  
a data base which contains at least position data and image data, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said  
information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the  
data base;

reception means for receiving said image data corresponding to said position data  
representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location;

imaging means for obtaining an image; and

checking means for checking a match between said received image and said  
obtained image.

8. (New) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from  
a data base which contains at least position data and image data, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said  
information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the  
data base;

reception means for receiving said image data corresponding to said position data  
representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location;

imaging means for obtaining image; and

displaying means for displaying said received image after performing a matching process using said obtained image.

9. (New) An information retrieval method for retrieving information from a data base which contains at least position data and image data, comprising the steps of:

detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting said detected current position location to the data base;

receiving said image data corresponding to said position data representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location;

obtaining an image; and

checking means for checking a match between said received image and said obtained image.

10. (New) An information retrieval method for retrieving information from a data base which contains at least position data and image data, comprising the steps of:

detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting said detected current position location to the data base;

receiving said image data corresponding to said position data representing positions in the vicinity of the detected current position location;

obtaining an image; and

displaying said received image after performance of a matching process using said obtained image.